

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EGEN, EINV, ECOSOC, OECD  
SUBJECT: OECD MINISTERIAL - ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 145508

1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH CONTACTS IN BOTH THE FCO AND DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE UK WILL NOT, AFTER ALL, SEEK REVISION OF THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS PARAGRAPH OF THE OECD MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. THOMAS OF THE FCO SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS IN A PARIS WORKING GROUP OVER THE LAST DAY OR SO, WHICH LEFT THE UK SATISFIED WITH THE TEXT THAT EMERGED.

2. BOTH OUR CONTACTS TOOK THE TIME TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE BRITISH CONTINUE TO DOUBT THE REALISM OF 1978 AS A TARGET FOR COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS. IT THEREFORE SEEMED USEFUL, DESPITE THE EVAPORATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TACTICAL PROBLEM OF THE OECD COMMUNIQUE, TO RUN OVER THE ARGUMENTATION IN REFTEL WITH THOMAS, WHO ONLY RECENTLY HAS BEEN SEIZED OF THIS SUBJECT. HE RESPONDED BY SAYING HE "TOOK OUR POINT" - WHICH MEANS HE PERSONALLY UNDERSTOOD IT, BUT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO MEAN WHOLEHEARTED BRITISH AGREEMENT WITH IT.

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## Message Attributes

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